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REMARKS

Claims 1-17 were originally filed and remain pending. Claims 1, 2, 5 and 7 are amended by this Amendment. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application as Amended are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chenoweth (US Patent No. 6,076,681) in view of Hashimoto (US Patent No. 6,297,964); and rejected claims 1-17 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Honda (US Patent No. 4,702,370) in view of Hashimoto (US Patent No. 6,297,964). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

In response, claims 1, 2, 5, and 7 are amended to better define the inventive subject matter. In particular, claim 1 is amended to include "wherein the tape carrier package part is defined by a first depression on a first side of the tape carrier package and a second depression on a second side of the tape carrier package opposite the first side". Accordingly claim 2 is amended to provide consistency with the new language in claim 1. Claim 5 is amended to include "a tape carrier package part on the package film defined by a first depression on a first side of the tape carrier package and a second depression on a second side of the tape carrier package opposite the first side". Claim 7 was also amended to provide consistency with the new language in claim 5.

The amendments made to claims 1 and 5 further define first and second depressions in the tape carrier package, which is not found in Chenoweth, Hashimoto, or Honda singly or in combination. Therefore, claims 1 and 5 as amended are now in condition for allowance. Likewise, claims 2-4 and 6-17 which depend from claims 1 and 5 are also allowable for the same reason.

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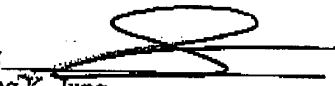
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-0911, under Order No. 8733,400.

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1. (Twice Amended) A tape carrier package film for a liquid crystal display, comprising:

a tape carrier package part having a mounting portion for a driving integrated circuit, wherein the tape carrier package part is defined by a first depression [on the package film] on a first side of the tape carrier package and a second depression on a second side of the tape carrier package opposite the first side;

a peripheral part for securing the tape carrier package part, said peripheral part having a plurality of sprocket holes; and

a plurality of punching holes for reducing a connection between the tape carrier package part and the peripheral part.

2. (Twice Amended) The tape carrier package as claimed in claim 1, wherein said punching holes are aligned with the first and second depressions.

5. (Twice Amended) A tape carrier package film, comprising:

a peripheral part having sprocket holes; and

a tape carrier package part on the package film defined by a first depression on a first side of the tape carrier package and a second depression on a second side of the tape carrier package opposite the first side [the package film], said tape carrier package part having a mounting portion for receiving an integrated circuit;

wherein a plurality of punching holes are defined along said first and second depressions, the punching holes assisting separation of the tape carrier package part from the peripheral part.

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7. (Amended) A tape carrier package film according to claim 6, wherein elongation axes of said punching holes align with [said] the first and second depressions.